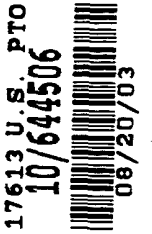


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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

First Named Inventor (or application identifier): Christopher W. Huber

Title of Invention: Apparatus for Introducing an Additive to a Composite Panel

- ☐ Continuation
- ☒ Divisional
- ☐ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. 09/781,025, filed 02/09/01.

1. ☒ Specification 16 pages (including specification, claims, abstract)
2. ☒ Declaration/Power of Attorney:
  - ☒ Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
  - ☐ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
  - ☐ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
  - ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
  - ☐ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
3. ☒ 3 Distinct sheets of ☒ Formal ☐ Informal Drawings
4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

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5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Form 1449  
☐ A copy of each cited prior art reference
6. ☐ Assignment  
☐ Assignment with Cover Sheet attached  
☐ Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Copy enclosed)
7. ☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)

- Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the following application(s):

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)
US	09/781,025	February 9, 2001

8. ☐ Priority Document(s)  
☐ was filed in prior application  
☐ is attached  
☐ will be submitted prior to or concurrently with the payment of any issue fee for the instant application
9. ☐ Small Entity Statement  
☐ Small Entity Statement was filed in prior application, Small Entity Status is still proper and desired  
☐ is attached (unexecuted)

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☐ is no longer claimed

10. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

11. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission

☐ Computer Readable Copy

☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)

☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

12. Calculation of Fees: including claims added by preliminary amendment

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$750.00
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))		18.00	\$00.00
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))		84.00	\$00.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))		280.00	\$0.00
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due			\$750.00
	REDUCE BY (%)(\$)		
Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$0.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE DUE</b>			\$0.00
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))		40.00	\$0.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL DUE</b>			<b>\$750.00</b>

13. PAYMENT is:

☐ included in the amount of the GRAND TOTAL by our enclosed check. A general authorization under 37 C.F.R. § 1.25(b), second sentence, is hereby given to credit or debit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 for the instant filing and for any other fees during the pendency of this application

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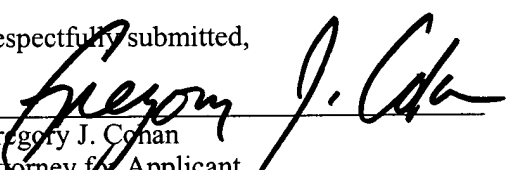
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to **Deposit Account 19-0733** for the amount of **\$750.00** and charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17.

14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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## CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL

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<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Christopher W. Huber</b>	<b>Confirmation No.:</b>
<b>Serial No.:</b>	<b>TBA: a divisional application of 09/781,025</b>	<b>Examiner: S. Lechert Jr.</b>
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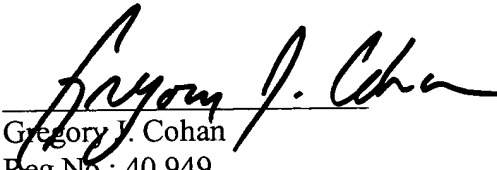
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced patent application, we are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Divisional Patent Application Request;
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney ;
4. Specification (16 pgs.);
5. Formal drawings (3 sheets);
6. Application Data Sheet ; and
7. Return Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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